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Docket No.: IIW-035  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshio Kusano, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/714,464

Art Unit: 1745

Filed: November 11, 2003

Examiner: Mark Ruthkosky

For: HUMIDIFIER FOR FUEL CELL AND  
PROCESS FOR WARMING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT**

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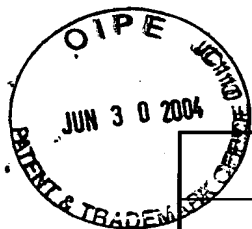
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this papers.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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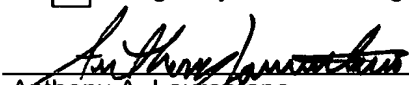
Invention: HUMIDIFIER FOR FUEL CELL AND PROCESS FOR WARMING THE SAME

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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